

Copy of Letter sent to W. P. Chase & Co

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Mac L Superintendent's Office,Dec 3rd, 1895.

Messrs Phillips Chemical Company

No 131. So 3rd St

Gentlemen

I beg to state that the quality of Nitric Acid furnished the U.S. Mint by your company has for some time been defective, and the Bullion returned from the Refinery has recently not been up to the Standard, and a Chemical test of the Nitric Acid you furnished, shows notable impurities in the shape of Sulphuric and Hydrochloric acids. We have been compelled to go in the open Market and purchase suitable acid at Three Dollars & ninety cents (\$3⁹⁰) per 100 pounds, and will be compelled to change your contract with twenty five cents (25^c) per 100 pounds for the ^{Nitric} acid used to the end of the

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The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Wm. L. Superintendent's Office,

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Current fiscal year ending June 30/96
twenty five cents (25¢) per 100 pounds is
the difference of your bid viz - \$3⁶⁵ per
100 pounds, and present purchase price
@ \$3⁹⁰ per 100 pounds.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

January 14/96
U. S. Treasury Department.

Hon. Herman Kutz
 Department

Sir: I have again complaint from the Refining, as to the Nitric Acid furnished by the New York Phillips Co. A Test of the lots delivered on the 6th & 11th of this month shows a notable quantity of Sulphuric acid as impurity - much more than we have ever had in "best commercial acid".

Very Respectfully
 D. K. Smith
 M. & P.

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Very Respectfully

Superintendent

[Enclosed note:]

January 14/96

U.S. Treasury Department.

Hon. Herman Kretz
Superintendent

Sir:

I have again complaint from the Refinery as to the Nitric Acid furnished by the Moro Phillips Co. A test of their lots delivered on the 6th & 11th of this month shows a notable quantity of sulfuric acid as impurity – much more than we have ever had in “best commercial acid”.

Very respectfully,
D.K. Tuttle
M & R